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45/82. Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, in particular resolution 44/7 of 17 October 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, 1/

Recalling also the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage activities through regional arrangements for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the desire of the League of Arab States to consolidate and develop the existing ties with the United Nations in all areas relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, and to co-operate in every possible way with the United Nations in the implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to Lebanon and to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East,

Aware of the vital importance for the countries members of the League of Arab States of achieving a just, comprehensive and durable solution to the Middle East conflict and the question of Palestine, the core of the conflict,

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1/ A/45/481 and Add.1.

Realizing that the strengthening of international peace and security is directly related, inter alia, to disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination,

Taking note with satisfaction of the conclusions and recommendations adopted at the joint meeting of the representatives of the organizations of the United Nations system and the representatives of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, held at Geneva from 18 to 20 July 1990, 2/

Convinced that the maintenance and further strengthening of co-operation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States contribute to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recognizing the need for closer co-operation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in realizing the goals and objectives set forth in the Strategy for Joint Arab Economic Development adopted by the Eleventh Arab Summit Conference, held at Amman from 25 to 27 November 1980, 3/

Having heard the statement of the Acting Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States of 25 October 1990 on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, 4/ and having noted the emphasis placed therein on follow-up actions and procedures on the recommendations in the political, social and cultural fields adopted at the meetings between the representatives of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, held at Tunis from 28 June to 1 July 1983, 5/ at Geneva from 29 June to 1 July 1988 6/ and from 18 to 20 July 1990, 2/ as well as on the recommendations relating to political matters contained in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

1. Takes notes with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the follow-up action taken by him to implement the proposals adopted at the meetings between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations held at Tunis, Amman and Geneva;

2/ A/45/481/Add.1.

3/ See A/35/719-S/14289, annex.

4/ See A/45/PV.35.

5/ A/38/299 and Corr.1, sect. V.

6/ A/43/509/Add.1.

3. Expresses its appreciation also to the Secretary-General for his efforts to implement Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 and commends the League of Arab States and its Tripartite High Committee for their endeavours to resolve the crisis in Lebanon;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen co-operation with the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States for the purpose of implementing United Nations resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East in order to achieve a just, comprehensive and durable solution to the Middle East conflict and the question of Palestine, the core of the conflict;

5. Requests the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, within their respective fields of competence, further to intensify their co-operation towards the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the strengthening of international peace and security, disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to strengthen co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in order to enhance their capacity to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to co-ordinate the follow-up action to facilitate the implementation of the proposals of a multilateral nature adopted at the Tunis meeting in 1983, and to take appropriate action regarding the multilateral proposals adopted at the Amman meeting in 1985, and at the Geneva meetings in 1988 and 1990, including the following:

(a) Promotion of contacts and consultations between the counterpart programmes of the United Nations system;

(b) Setting up joint sectoral inter-agency working groups;

8. Calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system:

(a) To continue to co-operate with the Secretary-General and the programmes, organizations and agencies concerned within the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in the follow-up of multilateral proposals aimed at strengthening and expanding co-operation in all fields between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations;

(b) To maintain and increase contacts and consultations with the counterpart programmes, organizations and agencies concerned regarding projects of a bilateral nature, in order to facilitate their implementation;

(c) To associate whenever possible with organizations and institutions of the League of Arab States in the execution and implementation of development projects in the Arab region;

(d) To inform the Secretary-General, not later than 15 May 1991, of the progress of their co-operation with the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, in particular the follow-up action taken on the multilateral and bilateral proposals adopted at the Tunis, Amman and Geneva meetings;

9. Decides that, in order to intensify co-operation and for the purpose of review and appraisal of progress as well as to prepare comprehensive periodic reports, a general meeting between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States should take place once every two years and inter-agency sectoral meetings should be organized annually on areas of priority and wide importance in the development of the Arab States and the meeting of the sectoral co-ordinators should be held during 1991, the time and place to be determined by consultations between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

10. Recommends that the United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system should utilize Arab expertise to the extent possible in projects undertaken in the Arab region;

11. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in co-operation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to encourage periodic consultations between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to review and strengthen co-ordination mechanisms with a view to accelerating implementation and follow-up action of multilateral projects and proposals adopted by the general meeting of the two organizations;

12. Recommends that a joint meeting between representatives of the organizations of the United Nations system and of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations should be organized in 1992 in order to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the two-year plan of action adopted at the 1990 meeting;

13. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

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